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TO : [redacted] A

FROM : [redacted] A

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SUBJECT: I & I

1. You have asked me to put down in writing some of my ideas on how I would go about getting expert help on hypnotism. Above all, I would rely upon proven experimental psychologists who have their feet on the ground on this subject and who have done plenty of research work on hypnotism.

2. The most extensive and careful series of experiments on hypnotism were carried out by [redacted] over a ten-year period. He began his work while he was still at the [redacted] and finished his studies after he transferred to the [redacted] His book, entitled [redacted] is a carefully documented research classic which is a "must" reading for anybody who professes to be even seriously interested in the subject. Unfortunately, [redacted] is no longer interested in hypnotism and moreover he has become quite feeble, but his two principal research assistants are still active in psychology and would prove particularly valuable as consultants on a research project on hypnotism. They are [redacted]

3. [redacted] before he became a psychologist. He is an extremely competent, broad-minded, and non-dogmatic scientist. At the present time, he serves as a [redacted] He has plenty of experience in research, experimental, clinical, and business psychology. I would certainly trust his judgment on any problem dealing with hypnotism or drugs. An indication of his writing and thinking can be obtained from a recent article entitled [redacted]

4. [redacted] I believe more than [redacted] has maintained an active interest in hypnotism since their research days with [redacted] is the inventor of a test of suggestability which was given considerable emphasis in [redacted] book. The test has been used by other experimenters. who have published about it in the literature.

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D From time to time, [redacted] writes articles on hypnotism, or contributes chapters to text books on the subject. I have seen him hypnotize on many different occasions and I know that he is very effective in producing all sorts of hypnotic phenomena in his subjects.

D, D 5. I am sure that both [redacted] would be glad to cooperate with you on such a project. I think that they would make a good team of advisers.

D [redacted]

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